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TAGS: PBOR, PFOR, CY, TU, MARR, MOPS, OCLR

SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHTS OF CYPRUS FIR

REF: (A) NICOSIA 2728 (B) NICOSIA 2767

1. EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT TO GOC THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
THE CHICAGO CONVENTION, ICAO ASSIGNMENT OF FLIGHT INFORMA-  
TION REGION (SIR) RESPONSIBILITY TO A PARTICULAR NATION IS  
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FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PURPOSES ONLY AND IN NO WAY AFFORDS

SOVEREIGNTY OVER INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE WITHIN THE FIR. THE NATION TO WHICH THE FIR IS ASSIGNED IS AUTHORIZED ONLY TO DIRECT AIR TRAFFIC OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT WITHIN THE FIR FOR THE PURPOSE OF AIR SAFETY, INCLUDING ASSIGNMENT OF COURSES, ALTITUDES, AND TIMES. IT CAN OF COURSE LIMIT AIR TRAFFIC OVER ITS OWN TERRITORY AND TERRITORIAL WATERS WITHIN THE FIR BUT IT CANNOT PROHIBIT TRANSIT OF AIRCRAFT THROUGH INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE WITHIN THE FIR.

2. DEEP EXPRESS OPERATIONS IN THE NICOSIA FIR ARE IN INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE AND, THEREFORE, DO NOT REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF ANY COUNTRY OR JURISDICTION. THEREFORE, WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE OR IN THE US INTEREST TO MODIFY DEEP EXPRESS ROUTING OUTLINED IN REFTELS AND ON THE BASIS OF THF GOC ASSERTION IN REFTEL A.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, YOU CAN ADVISE GOC THAT WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE TFSC NOTAM 16 AS AUTHORITY FOR USE OF THESE ROUTES. YOU CAN EMPHASIZE THAT DEEP EXPRESS OPERATIONS WERE IN PROGRESS OVER THESE SAME ROUTES BEFORE THE NOTAM WAS ISSUED. KISSINGER

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